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3	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
4	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
	ex rel. THE SAINT REGIS	
5	MOHAWK TRIBE,	
6	Plaintiff,	
7	vs. Case No.	
	02-CV0845	
8	PRESIDENT R.CST. REGIS (TJM) (DEP)	
	MANAGEMENT COMPANY and	
9	ANDERSON-BLAKE CONSTRUCTION	
	CORPORATION,	
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	Defendants.	
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16	DEPOSITION OF RICHARD BELLANDO	
17	Mineola, New York	
18	Thursday, March 25, 2004	
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Page 4  A P P E A R A N C E S: SWIDLER, BERLIN, SHEREFF & FRIEDMAN, LLP Attorneys for Defendant President R.C Saint Regis Management Company 405 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10174 (Not Present)  LAW OFFICES OF MARLENE L. BUDD, ESQ. Attorney for Defendant Anderson-Blake Construction Company 2 Brush Place Huntington, New York 11743 BY: MARLENE L. BUDD, ESQ.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	- oOo -  IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the attorneys for the respective parties herein, that filing and sealing be and the same are hereby waived.  IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that all objections, except as to the form of the question, shall be reserved to the time of the trial.  IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that the within deposition may be sworn to and signed before any officer authorized to administer an oath, with the same force and effect as if signed and sworn to before the Court.  - oOo -

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2	RICHARD BELLANDO, called as a	2	other because our court reporter is typing up
3	witness, having been duly sworn by a	3	what we say; do you understand that?
4	Notary Public, was examined and testified	4	A. Correct.
5	as follows:	5	Q. I'll try not to interrupt when
6	EXAMINATION	6	you're speaking. Please wait until I finish
7	BY MR. SEFF:	7	my question before you answer so the court
8	Q. State your name for the record,	8	reporter can take down what we say.
9	please.	9	A. Right.
10	A. Richard Bellando.	10	Q. It's important to answer verbally.
11	Q. What is your address?	11	If the answer is "yes," don't nod your head.
12	A. 8 Circle Drive, Farmingdale,	12	Say "yes" because she can't record a nod; do
13	New York 11735.	13	you understand that?
14	Q. Good morning, Mr. Bellando.	14	A. Yes.
15	Have you ever had your deposition	15	Q. How old are you?
16	taken before?	16	A. 38.
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. What is your educational
18	Q. How many times?	18	background?
19	A. Two times.	19	A. High school.
20	Q. So you're generally familiar with	20	Q. You're a high school graduate?
21	what a deposition is?	21	A. Correct.
22	A. Correct.	22	Q. What year did you graduate high
23	Q. There's a lawyer representing a	23	school?
24	side who asks some questions. You're here as	24	A. 1983.
25	a witness. We'll try not to talk over each	25	Q. Mr. Bellando, are you using any
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2	Management?	2	I'm with Oheka Management, I think,
3	A. Oheka Management Corporation.	3	about five years now.
4	Q. What is your title, if any?	4	Q. Why don't we do it this way then.
5	A. Sales manager.	5	Maybe this will work.
6	Q. How long have you been employed in	6	Why don't you describe your
7	that position?	7	employment history since high school starting
8	A. Five years.	8	when you graduated right up to the present.
9	Q. So you've been the sales manager at	9	A. Okay.
10	<b>Oheka Management Corporation for five years?</b>	10	Q. As best as you can, identify the
11	A. Correct.	11	company or companies that you worked for, the
12	Q. So you started there in 1999; is	12	job that you had and the years that you held
13	that correct?	13	the job.
14	A. I believe so. I don't recall the	14	A. All right. I'm going to try and
15	time.	15	remember.
16	Q. You said five years, so I'm trying	16	Q. Okay.
17	to place the year and the month?	17	A. 1983 when I graduated, I started
18	A. Could be, maybe. I don't remember.	18	with Castle Ventures. I ran the security.
19	I'd have to look back when I started.	19	Q. You were in charge of security for
20	Q. You've been there at least five	20	Castle Ventures?
21	years?	21	A. Correct.
22	A. I'm with the company 20 years.	22	Q. Beginning in '83?
23	Q. The company Oheka Management	23	A. Correct.
24	Corporation?	24	Q. What did that entail?
25	A. No, with Mr. Melius 20 years.	25	A. Just overseeing the Oheka Castle.
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2	Q. Security?	2	A. Not at that time. I was working
3	A. Yes.	3	for a company Advantage Security. I just
4	Q. That was the year you graduated	4	filled in for one day for a friend.
5	high school?	5	Q. What was it that prompted you to
6	A. Correct.	6	throw Mr. Melius off the property?
7	Q. So you were roughly 18-years old?	7	A. I was told not to let anyone on the
8	A. Correct.	8	property and I heard there was a new owner and
9	Q. And you started out as head of	9	I never met him or saw him, so I wouldn't let
10	security?	10	him on the property.
11	A. Yes.	11	Q. I see. Okay.
12	Q. What, if any, training had you had	12	He was so impressed with your
13	then?	13	security concerns that he hired you?
14	A. None.	14	A. Correct.
15	Q. What prepared you for that	15	Q. And you've been with him ever
16	position?	16	since?
17	A. I threw the owner off the property	17	A. Ever since.
	* * *	18	Q. So 1983, you started working as a
18	not knowing he was the owner and he put me in		
18		19	nead of security for Castle ventures running
	charge of his property.	19 20	head of security for Castle Ventures running security at Oheka, correct?
19			security at Oheka, correct?  A. Right.
19 20	charge of his property.  Q. When you say "the owner," you mean	20	security at Oheka, correct? A. Right.
19 20 21	charge of his property.  Q. When you say "the owner," you mean Mr. Melius?  A. Correct.	20 21	security at Oheka, correct? A. Right. Q. How long did you hold that
19 20 21 22	charge of his property.  Q. When you say "the owner," you mean Mr. Melius?  A. Correct. Q. When you threw Mr. Melius off the	20 21 22 23	security at Oheka, correct? A. Right. Q. How long did you hold that position?
19 20 21 22 23	charge of his property.  Q. When you say "the owner," you mean Mr. Melius?  A. Correct.	20 21 22 23	security at Oheka, correct? A. Right. Q. How long did you hold that position?

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2	A. About.	2	Q. Was that a promotion, over head of
3	Q. What was your next position?	3	security?
4	A. Then he put me in charge of Oheka	4	A. Yes.
5	for other jobs with security, maintenance. He	5	Q. Did you get a raise for that?
6	pretty much kept me in charge of the building	6	A. I believe so.
7	while they were renovating.	7	Q. That included security; is that
8	Q Did you get paid a salary for these	8	right?
9	jobs, is that how you were compensated?	9	A. That's correct.
10	I'm not going to pry into your	10	Q. What about you mentioned
11	compensation.	11	maintenance?
12	A. By the hour.	12	A. Maintenance, maintaining the
13	Q. If you worked more hours one week	13	building.
14	than another week, you'd get paid more?	14	Q. What did that entail?
15	A. That's correct.	15	A. Just hiring a crew to make sure the
16	Q. That's been true for the 20 years?	16	building was cleaned up after the
17	A. No.	17	construction, having the property maintained.
18	Q. When you worked as head of security	18	Q. So you had people working for you
19	for Castle Ventures from '83 to '88, you were	19	or under you, correct?
20	paid by the hour?	20	A. Correct.
21	A. That's correct.	21	Q. That was true when you were head of
22	Q. In '88 you got another position.	22	security as well?
23	What was your title in the next	23	A. That's correct.
24	position that you took over, if you had one?	24	Q. How long did you hold the position
25	A. Building manager.	25	of building manager?
23	A. Building manager.	23	of building manager:
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3	for approximately ten years.	3	want you to speculate.
4	That brings us to roughly 1998; is	4	THE WITNESS: I'm guessing. I
5	that correct?	5	don't remember.
6	A. Okay.	6	Q. It was either Oheka Management
7	Q. What was your next position?	7	Corporation or Oheka Catering Corporation?
8	A. I think that's when I started into	8	A. Either.
9	the catering.	9	Q. As you understand it, what's the
10	Q. Okay. So your current position	10 11	difference between Oheka Management and Oheka Castle Catering?
11 12	sales manager?  A. Well, I started off as a banquet	12	A. The difference is Oheka Castle
13	manager.	13	Catering controls the catering and the
14	Q. 1998, roughly?	14	management controls the Oheka castle.
15	A. Yes.	15	Q. So Oheka Castle Catering is a
16	Q. Was that your title, banquet	16	subset of Oheka Management?
17	manager?	17	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.
18	A. Correct.	18	MS. BUDD: Objection.
19	Q. Do you remember which company you	19	Q. I'm just trying to understand the
20	were employed by in that position?	20	differences between the companies.
21	A. You know, I think maybe it wasn't	21	A. I don't know. I don't understand
22	Oheka Management. Maybe it was Oheka Castle	22	either.
23	Catering.	23	Q. You don't understand?
24	Q. Oheka Castle Catering Corporation?	24	A. Yes.
25	A. Right. I think that's	25	Q. If we were to look at your current
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3	year and a half?	3	casino?
4	A. Probably.	4	A. I don't remember. I don't remember
5	Q. What was your next position?	5	the month.
6	A. There was a point where, I don't	6	Q. Do you remember the year?
7	remember the month, that I went into the main	7	A. I believe it was '99.
8	office for a few months to help out, I	8	Q. 1999?
9	believe, on the casino.	9	A. Yes.
10	Q. When you say "the main office,"	10	Q. Calendar year '99.
11	what are you referring to?	11	How long did you work in the main
12	A. One Old Country Road, Carle Place.	12	office with the casino, if you remember?
13	Q. Prior to that, though, you'd been	13	A. Maybe about three months.
14	working at the castle?	14	Q. During those approximately three
15	A. That's correct.	15	months that you believe were in the calendar
16	Q. And that's 135 West Gate Drive?	16	year 1999, what did you do?
17	A. Correct.	17	A. I started helping. I think we were
18	Q. Hunting or what is it called?	18	finishing up on the casino, so I was bidding
19	A. It's really Huntington.	19	out some last-minute jobs and then I was
20	Q. Up until the point that you went	20	flying up to the casino to help them open.
21	into the main office to help out on the	21	Q. So at the point you moved into the
22	casino, immediately prior to that you had been		main office from being the banquet manager at
23	the banquet manager?	23	Oheka Castle, the casino construction was
24	A. Correct.	24	nearly finished; is that right?
25	Q. Approximately when was it that you	25	A. They were pretty close, pretty
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2	close.	2	Q. Did he say what he wanted you to
3	Q. How did you learn that they were	3	help Mr. Thornton out with?
4	pretty close to being finished with the	4	A. Just go up and help him get the
5	construction?	5	place open.
6	A. We were just finalizing the carpet,	6	Q. Had you known Mr. Thornton prior to
7	the final stages before the machines went in.	7	that time?
8	Q. By "machines," you mean gambling	8	A. Sure.
9	machine?	9	Q. How did you know Mr. Thornton?
10	A. The gambling machines.	10	A. Mr. Thornton has been with us almost
11	Q. The building itself was up?	11	as long as I've been.
12	A. The building itself was up.	12	Q. Did he work in the main office or
13	Q. Did somebody come to you and tell	13	did he work in Oheka or did he work somewhere
14	you that your assistance was needed?	14	else?
15	A. Correct.	15	A. He worked in the main office.
16	Q. Who was that?	16	Q. But it wasn't Mr. Thornton who came
17	A. Mr. Melius.	17	to you, it was Mr. Melius?
18	Q. What did he tell you?	18	A. Correct.
19	A. He needed my help.	19	Q. When was the first time you went to
20	Q. Did he say what he needed your help	20	the casino site?
21	with?	21	A. I don't remember.
22	A. Just if I could go up and help	22 23	Q. Was it prior to when it opened?
23	Mr. Thornton out.		A. No, there was times when I went up
2/	O William Thornton?	2/	hefore with Mr. Melius
24 25	<ul><li>Q. William Thornton?</li><li>A. The project manager.</li></ul>	24 25	before with Mr. Melius.  Q. What I'm asking is the first time

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1 4	that you went, was it already open or had it	2	MS. GASTWIRTH: Fine.
3	not been open?	3	Q. I'll represent to you that the
4	A. No, no. I think they were just	4	casino opened for business in April 1999.
5	putting up the steel.	5	Does that help you to recall the
6	Q. That was prior to when he had asked	6	approximately three-month period that you were
7	you to help Mr. Thornton finalize the casino?	7	helping out?
8	A. That's correct.	8	A. Probably, if that's when it opened.
9	Q. At some point, you believe calendar	9	Q. Why don't you accept that
10	year '99, Mr. Melius came to you and said that	10	representation, assume that's correct for the
11	he needed your help and you at that point	11	moment and tell me what three months you think
12	stopped being the banquet manager or did you	12	you worked.
13	continue with your duties as banquet manager?		A. If it opened April '99, probably
14	A. I stopped. I stopped for a few	14	around January.
15	months.	15	Q. So January 1999?
16	Q. As best as you can recall, it was	16	A. Yes, January '99, January '99,
17	about three months?	17	right.
18	A. About.	18	Q. That's when you started working on
19	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.	19	the casino project?
20	I think he testified about a prior	20	A. Yes.
21	visit to the casino.	21	Q. You worked on it for approximately
22	MR. SEFF: I'm talking about	22	three months.
23	MS. GASTWIRTH: This period of	23	You did that up until roughly the
24 25	time? MR. SEFF: Yes.	24 25	opening? A. Correct.
23	MR. SEFF. Yes.	23	A. Collect.
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3	immediately prior to the opening; is that	3	Q. As best as you can recall,
4	correct?	/	
1 -		4	Mr. Bellando, tell me everything that you did
5	A. That's correct.	5	to help out Mr. Thornton and Mr. Melius during
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3	them out.	3	these for?
4	Q. In other words, you would locate	4	A. Well, I would send them plans and
5	subcontractors to do the work?	5	get prices.
	A. Correct.	6	Q. Who made the decision which of the
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7	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.	7	say five companies to hire?
8	I think he talked about bidding	8	A. I would put the five bids together
9	them out.	9	and let Mr. Thornton handle the bids.
10	MR. SEFF: I'm trying to understand	10	Q. So you basically collected bids and
11	what that involves.	11	then Mr. Thornton would determine which bid to
12	Q. Tell me in your own words what you	12	accept?
13	did.	13	A. Correct.
14	What does "bid them out mean?"	14	Q. Anything else that you did during
15	A. I would call subcontractors to get	15	those three months?
16	prices.	16	MS. GASTWIRTH: In terms of bids?
17	Q. Let's just take an example, steel	17	MR. SEFF: Anything that he did to
18	cabinets.	18	help out with the casino project during
19	A. Yes.	19	the three months.
20	Q. Somebody would come to you and say	20	MS. GASTWIRTH: Okay. We had
21	we need steel cabinets?	21	testimony about him going up.
22	A. They would give me the plan and I	22	Do you want him to tell you about
23	would go off the plan and I would start	23	that?
24	calling companies. I'd call like five	24	MR. SEFF: I'm
25	different companies for bids.	25	MS. GASTWIRTH: You're getting
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5	Mr. Thornton or Mr. Diller, whatever was needed	5	A. No.
6	to help get things done.	6	Q. So you mentioned putting furniture
7	Q. You say "Mr. Diller."	7	together, meeting contractors.
8	Do you mean Roger Diller?	8	What else did you do during this
9	A. Correct.	9	five or so times?
10	Q. Who is he?	10	A. Whatever there was to do. I don't
11	A. He was the architect.	11	remember everything.
12	Q. So you were there to help out	12	Q. Do you remember anything else that
13	Mr. Thornton and Mr. Diller.	13	you did?
14	What sort of things would you do	14	A. No.
15	for them?	15	Q. Where would you stay when you went
16	A. Put the furniture together, start	16	up there?
17	laying out where everything is going, meet	17	A. Canada.
18	some of the contractors up there.	18	Q. A hotel in Canada?
19	Q. You did whatever needed to get done	19	A. Yes.
20	to get the place opened; is that right?	20	Q. Cornwall?
21	A. Correct.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Right down to helping with	22	Q. When you would go, how many days at
23	construction?	23	a time would you be there?
24	A. That's correct.	24	A. Two, three days.
25	Q. And you were taking directions from	25	Q. During that three-month period
1	Page 36 <b>Bellando</b>	1	Page 37 Bellando
1 2	roughly January to April 1999, what did you do	2	Q. I believe you testified that during
$\frac{2}{3}$	during the time that you were not at the	3	the period leading up to January 1999 that you
4	casino?	4	were employed by either Oheka Management
5	A. When I wasn't, I was back in the	5	Corporation or Oheka Castle Catering as
6	main office.	6	banquet manager; is that correct?
7	Q. Among other things, you were	7	A. Up to '99?
8	putting together or collecting those bids; is	8	Q. Up to January '99 when you started
9	that right?	9	helping out at the casino you were banquet
	that right.		
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10 11	A. Correct.	10 11	manager and you were employed by either Oheka
11	<ul><li>A. Correct.</li><li>Q. Anything else that you did during</li></ul>	11	manager and you were employed by either Oheka Management Corporation or Oheka Castle
11 12	A. Correct. Q. Anything else that you did during that two-month period?	11 12	manager and you were employed by either Oheka Management Corporation or Oheka Castle Catering?
11 12 13	<ul><li>A. Correct.</li><li>Q. Anything else that you did during that two-month period?</li><li>A. Just helped them out any way that I</li></ul>	11	manager and you were employed by either Oheka Management Corporation or Oheka Castle Catering?  A. At the time, correct.
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2	Q. Did your compensation change in any	2	called Archon Design Limited?
3	way during that three months from the year,	3	A. Yes.
4	year and a half prior to that?	4	Q. What do you know about Archon
5	A. No, no.	5	Design Limited?
6	Q. During that three-month period, is	6	A. Not much. Just heard of it.
7	it correct that Mr. Melius was still signing	7	Q. Do you know what type of company it
8	your paycheck on whichever company it was?	8	is?
9	A. I don't remember. I don't remember	9	A. No.
10	at that point who the signator was.	10	Q. Do you know who owns it?
11	Q. Then after the casino opened, you	11	A. No.
12	resumed your duties as banquet manager or	12	Q. Do you know where it's located?
13	started working them fulltime again; is that	13	A. Yes.
14	right?	14	Q. Where?
15	A. That's correct.	15	A. 135 West Gate Drive.
16	Q. And you've been doing that ever	16	Q. Have you ever worked for Archon
17	since?	17	Design?
18	A. Ever since.	18	A. No.
19	Q. Any other employment or jobs or	19	Q. Have you ever heard of a company
20	employers or companies that you worked for	20	called President R.C. Saint Regis Management
21	that you have not described during the time	21	Company?
22	period from when you graduated high school in		A. Yes.
23	'83 up through the present?	23	Q. Tell me what you know about
24	A. No.	24	President.
25	Q. Have you ever heard of a company	25	We'll call it "President" for
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2	A. No.	2	Q. You were the President of
3	Q. Do you know when Anderson-Blake	3	Anderson-Blake Construction Corporation?
4	ceased to exist?	4	A. Correct.
5	A. I don't remember.	5	Q. I asked you a couple of minutes ago
6	Q. During the time that you recall it	6	when we were going through your employment
7	was in existence, do you remember where it was	7	history, and I must say you were extremely
8	located?	8	thorough, to describe the duties you had and
9	A. One Old Country Road, Carle Place.	9	the jobs you had. You didn't mention
10	Q. Do you remember who owned	10	Anderson-Blake.
11	Anderson-Blake or do you know who owned	11	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.
12	Anderson-Blake during that time that it	12	You didn't ask him if he was an
13	existed?	13	officer of any of these things.
14	A. No.	14	Q. Let's go back.
15	Q. Do you know who the officers of	15	Were you ever an officer of Castle
16	Anderson-Blake were during the time it	16	Ventures?
17	existed?	17	A. No.
18	A. I believe I was an officer.	18	Q. Were you ever an officer of Oheka
19	Q. When were you an officer of	19	Management Corporation?
20	Anderson-Blake?	20	A. No.
21	A. I don't remember when I became an	21	Q. Were you ever an officer of Oheka
22	officer.	22	Castle Catering Corporation?
23	Q. Well, what was your title, if you	23	A. No.
24	had one?	24	Q. Were you ever an officer of any
25	A. President.	25	company other than Anderson-Blake in your
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2	Bellando life?	2	Bellando started it.
2 3	Bellando life? A. Yes.	2 3	Bellando started it.  Q. Was that during the time from 1988
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4	A. I was the President.	4	Q. So you had a conversation with
5	Q. So you were not a director?	5	Mr. Melius and he suggested putting together
6	A. No.	6	something called Anderson-Blake?
7	Q. Did you have to file anything with	7	A. Well, I don't know
8	New York State?	8	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.
9	A. Yes.	9	Q. I'm not trying to put words in your
10	Q. What did you file?	10	mouth. I'm trying to understand what
11	A. I don't know. The accountant would	11	happened.
12	bring it in to me and I would sign it.	12	Tell me in your own words.
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14	Anderson-Blake.	14	called me in and he wanted me to be a partner
15	Any other companies that you were	15	with him and hopefully if it took off that it
16	an officer of other than Oheka Maintenance and		would benefit me.
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18	A. No.	18	conversation?
19	Q. Coming back then to Anderson-Blake.	19	A. I don't recall.
20	I believe you testified a moment	20	Q. Approximately?
21	ago that you were the president.	21	A. No idea.
22	How did you become president of	22	Q. How long after you started with
23	Anderson-Blake?	23	Mr. Melius was it maybe is one way to think
24	A. It was just a conversation when my	24	about it?
25	boss, Mr. Melius, wanted to put something to	25	A. It was years after when I started.
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3 4	Q. Were you the banquet manager at that time?	3	A. Nothing.
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4 Q. If I ask a question that's	4	remember if you owned shares in the company?
5 objectionable, they'll say "objection," but if	5	A. Yes, but I don't remember.
6 you understand the question, you can answer		He's my boss. What he tells me to
7 They're just reserving the objection for some		do, I do.
8 future time; do you understand that?	8	Q. Did you ever make any money from
9 A. Yes.	9	your position as the president of
10 Q. Do you remember any other officers	10	Anderson-Blake?
11 of Anderson-Blake other than yourself?	11	A. No.
12 A. No.	12	Q. Do you recall who the shareholders
13 Q. Were there any others?	13	were if you were not one?
14 A. I don't know, could have been.	14	A. No.
MS. GASTWIRTH: Let me know when	15	Q. Do you recall who the directors
there's a convenient breaking point	16	were?
because I have to make a call.	17	A. No.
18 Q. Did you have any sort of ownership	18	Q. I believe you testified that it's
19 interest in Anderson-Blake?	19	not an active company currently.
20 Did you own any shares in the	20	A. At this time, it's not.
21 company or anything like that?	21	Q. It's not?
22 A. I don't remember.	22	A. No.
23 I believe	23	MS. GASTWIRTH: Just for the
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25 A. Yes, I don't know. I don't	25	We have legal definitions for those
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3		3	I need to make a phone call.
4	again.  MR. SEFF: Strike that last	4	Can we wait for a moment?
5	question. That was inartfully worded.	5	MR. SEFF: Why don't I mark it.
6	Q. You didn't have anything to do with	6	MS. GASTWIRTH: You can mark it and
7	the casino's construction prior to	7	have the witness look at it. I just need
8	approximately January of 1999; is that	8	·
9	correct?	9	to step out and make a phone call.  MR. SEFF: Okay.
10	A. Correct.	10	(Recess taken.)
11	Q. And that's the case even though you	11	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 56, Standard
12	were the president of the company?	12	Form of Agreement between Owner and
13	A. Correct.	13	Contractor dated 1/11/98, marked for
14		14	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
15	Q. Do you recall signing any documents in connection with the casino's construction?	15	identification, as of this date, by the
			reporter.) MR. SEFF: Off the record.
16	A. Correct.	16	
17 18	Q. You do recall signing documents?	17 18	Q. Mr. Bellando, right before the
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19	•	19	you testified that you signed as president of
20	A. The AIA contract.	20 21	Anderson-Blake.
21	Q. Is that the document that you		A. Correct.
22	testified that you reviewed this morning?	22	Q. And you mentioned it was an AIA
23	A. Correct.	23	contract. We've marked the document as
24 25	MR. SEFF: Why don't we mark that and take a look at that.	24	Plaintiff's Exhibit 56. It's 56 because
23	and take a look at that.	25	yesterday we went 1 through 55. We're just
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1	Bellando	1	Bellando
2	that date?	2	Q. So both Thornton and Melius called
3	A. Not that I'm aware of.	3	you about the document?
4	Q. Do you recall signing the document?	4	A. Correct.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. Was it that same day you signed it?
6	Q. Where were you, if you remember,	6	A. I don't remember if that's the
7	when you signed it?	7	date, to be honest.
8	A. I believe in the main office.	8	Q. What did you say in response to
9	Q. One Old Country Road?	9	Mr. Thornton when he called you to sign the
10	A. One Old Country Road.	10	document?
11	Q. Now, did anyone ask you to sign it?	11	A. I told him I would be in.
12	A. I believe Mr. Thornton called me. I	12	Q. To sign it?
13	had to meet him in the office and I got a call	13	A. Right.
14	from Mr. Melius that I had to go in and sign	14	Q. What did you say to Mr. Melius when
15	the document. He wasn't around.	15	he called you about the document?
16	Q. "He" meaning Mr. Melius?	16	A. That I would be on my way in.
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. Anything else transpire during
18	Q. I'm confused.	18	those conversations?
19	Was it Mr. Thornton or Mr. Melius?	19	A. No.
20	A. I'm trying to remember. I believe	20	Q. Then you proceeded to go into the
21	I got a call from Mr. Thornton that he needed	21	One Old Country Road and sign the document?
22	me to come in the office to sign a document	22 23	A. Correct.
23	and I believe I got a follow-up call from		Q. Was there anyone there who
24 25	Mr. Melius stating to me he's not around to go in and look at the form and sign it.	24 25	witnessed you signing it? When I say "witness," I don't mean
23	in and look at the form and sign it.	23	when I say withess, I don't mean
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1	Bellando	1	Bellando 1571
2	like they swore out a will. I mean just	2 3	what's now what's marked page 1571, was
3 4	somebody in the room.  A. I believe who was with me was	4	Mr. Horn's signature already on the document?  A. I don't remember. I don't remember
5	Mr. Thornton.	4	
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2	Q. Was it there?	2	working in which you had seen one?
3	Were those words "Richard Bellando,	3	A. I don't remember. Some of the
4	President" in capital letters below the	4	times I would see the forms like we were
5	signature line already typed in at the point	5	bidding a job. Maybe at the castle or
6	that you signed?	6	something we would use this form.
7	A. Yes.	7	Q. Have you ever signed a contract
8	Q. Are you certain of that?	8	before, before what's been mark as Plaintiff's
9	A. Pretty certain.	9	Exhibit 56?
10	Q. Now, did you review what's been	10	A. Not that I recall. I don't
11	marked as Exhibit 56 before you signed it?	11	remember.
12	A. I looked at it.	12	Q. Have you ever signed one since you
13	Q. Did you read it?	13	signed what's been marked as Exhibit 56?
14	A. Yes, I read some of it.	14	MS. GASTWIRTH: An AIA?
15	Q. What parts do you remember reading?	15	MR. SEFF: An AIA construction form
16	A Well, I know it's an AIA. It's a	16	contract.
17	standard form. So I just looked at where they	17	A. Since, I don't remember.
18	typed in some of the equipment, the	18	Q. So it could be this is the only one
19	construction, how much it was going to cost.	19	you've ever signed?
20	Q. Now, you say it's an AIA standard	20	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.
21	form.	21	MS. BUDD: Objection.
22	Is it a form with which you were	22	A. You know what, I sign a lot of
23	familiar in January of 1998?	23	things. I don't know. I don't remember.
24	A. I've seen them before.	24	Q. When you say you sign a lot of
25	Q. What context or capacity were you	25	things, what other types of things do you
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1	Bellando	1	Bellando
2	sign?	2	Q. You did?
3	A. Whatever for the job. Whatever I'm	3	A. Yes.
4	working on.	4	Q. How did you know?
5	Q. When you sign things for a job or	5	A. Well, I knew Anderson-Blake existed
6	whatever it is you're working on, do you	6	and that's before the conversation where I
7	typically read things before you sign them?	7	knew that hopefully I'd be a partner.
8	A. Sometimes. Sometimes no.	8	Q. So was signing this contract that
9	Q. What would be an example of	9	is Exhibit 56 the first official duty or thing
10	something you would sign without reading?	10	that you did as president of Anderson-Blake?
11	A. Depends on what it is. I don't	11	A. Probably.
12	know. It would have to be put in front of me.	12	Q. What did you understand this
13	Q. Well, let's just talk about this	13	document to be at that time that you signed
14	document. This was put in front of you, I	14	it?
15	gather, on or about January 11, 1998.	15	What did you think you were
16	Did you say you thought Mr. Thornton	16	signing?
17	presented it to you?	17	A. What did I think I was signing?
10	Man analysis and a second of the second	18	Q. Yes. You signed a contract.
18	Who physically presented it to you?	10	
19	A. You know, I don't remember. I'm a	19	A. The contract to build the casino.
19 20	A. You know, I don't remember. I'm a little bit sure it was Bill Thornton.	20	Q. Now, there's some handwriting
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3	next to the word "President." There appears to be some handwriting. It says "President	2 3	talking about the commencement date for the
4	R.C." and then there seems to be a circle and	4	contract and someone has handwritten in there
5	some handwriting; do you see that?	5	"within 90 days of the date hereof;" do you
6	A. Uh-hmm.	6	see that?
7	Q. Is that a "yes?"	7	A. Yes.
8	A. Yes.	8	Q. So you're certain that's not your
9	Q. Is that your handwriting?	9	handwriting?
10	A. No.	10	A. That's not my handwriting.
11	Q. There's some handwriting on page	11	Q. Are you certain that was written in
12	1565 in sections 3.1 and 3.2; do you see that	12	when you signed it?
13	handwriting?	13	A I'm not certain, but I don't
14	A. Yes.	14	remember. I don't remember.
15	Q. Is that your handwriting?	15	Q. Now let's look at section 3.2.
16	A. No.	16	It's talking about the substantial completion
17	Q. Now, let's go back to page 1564 for	17	date of the work, which I believe is the
18	a second.	18	project. It says "nine months after the date
19	Was the handwriting on page 1564 on	19	of commencement; do you see that handwriting?
20	the document when you signed it?	20	A. Correct.
21	A. I don't recall. I don't remember.	21	Q. I gather that's not your
22	Q. What about the handwriting on page	22	handwriting either?
23	1565 in those two sections that we just looked	23	A. No.
24	at; is that your handwriting?	24	Q. Was that handwriting that is the
25	A. I believe that was written.	25	language under section 3.2 on the document on
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4	the day you signed it and this morning?	4	A. No.
5	A. No.	5	Q. Do you know what bank account or
6	Q. Do you recall signing any other	6	accounts those checks were drawn on?
7	documents as president of Anderson-Blake	7	A. No.
8	following this document?	8	Q. Do you know if Anderson-Blake had
9	A. I could have. I don't remember.	9	its own bank account?
10	MS. GASTWIRTH: By documents, you	10	A. If had its own bank account?
11	mean contracts, anything?	11	Q. Do you know if it did?
12	MR. SEFF: Anything.	12	A I don't know. I would imagine.
13	MS. GASTWIRTH: Checks, anything?	13	Q. I gather you don't have copies of
14	Q. Did you sign checks on behalf of	14	those checks or check registers or anything
15	Anderson-Blake?	15	like that?
16	A. I believe I did.	16	A. I don't know.
17	Q. In connection with the casino	17	Q. You personally.
18	construction?	18	A. Me?
19	A. Yes, I'm pretty sure I did.	19	Q. Personally in your files.
20	Q. Do you remember to whom those	20	A. Me, no.
21	checks were made out?	21	Q. Did you maintain files as president
22	A. No.	22	of Anderson-Blake?
23	Q. Do you remember the dollar amounts	23	A. I had files. I don't know where
24	roughly?	24	they are. I had stuff, the stuff I was
25	A. No.	25	bidding on and all in a file.
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3	Q. Do you know where he was?	3	A. Yes.
4	A. No.	4	Q. What about Mr. Diller?
5	Q. Do you know what the urgency was	5	A. He was the architect.
6	that it had to be signed that particular day?	6	Q. Do you know who he worked for?
7	A. No, I really didn't ask. He just	7	A. I don't know where he got paid
8	told me to go in.	8	from.
9	Q. And sign it and you did?	9	Q. Did you sign paychecks as president
10	A. And I did.	10	of Anderson-Blake?
11	Q. Do you think there was anything odd	11	A. I don't know. I don't know. No, I
12	about the fact that you were being asked to	12	didn't sign paychecks.
13	sign as opposed to him?	13	Q. So you didn't sign Mr. Thornton's
14	A. Not at all.	14	paycheck?
15	Q. Why not?	15	A. I didn't sign Mr. Thornton's
16	A. There's always things that come up	16 17	paycheck.
17 18	and I guess he depends on me to do things. If he's not around, I will fill in for him.	18	Q. What about Mr. Diller? A. No.
19	Q. I believe you testified earlier	18	
20	that you were up at the casino working on the	20	<ul><li>Q. Nobody's paycheck did you sign?</li><li>A. No, I don't know. They had a stamp</li></ul>
21	project and that you reported to Mr. Thornton,	21	with my name. They stamped it.
22	William Thornton, and Mr. Roger Diller; is that		Q. Do you ever remember getting a
23	right?	23	paycheck from Anderson-Blake?
24	A. Correct.	24	A. I don't remember. I mean, I could
25	Q. Mr. Thornton was the project	25	have. I don't remember.
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3	A.	No.	3	order.
4	Q.	Do you know who Ivan Kaufman is?	4	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 57, letter
5	A.	Yes.	5	dated to John Ransom from Richard
6	Q.	Have you ever met him?	6	Bellando date 2/4/99, marked for
7	A.	A few times.	7	identification, as of this date, by the
8	Q.	Did you ever work for Walter Horn?	8	reporter.)
9	A.	No.	9	Q. Mr. Bellando, I'm showing you a
10		Did you ever work for John	10	document that's been marked as Exhibit 57 for
11	Natalo		11	identification. It's a letter dated February
12		No.	12	4, 1999. It appears to have your signature on
13		Did you ever work for a company	13	it. Why don't you take a look at that.
14		Massena Management?	14	Take as much time as you need to
15	A.	No.	15	look at that and let me know when you're
16	Q.	And I believe you testified already	16	ready.
17	_	ver worked for a company called	17	A. Okay.
18		ent; is that right?	18	Q. Have you ever seen this letter
19	A.	_	19	before, Mr. Bellando?
20		In 1999, say, January to April of	20	A. I must have.
21	_	ou were working for Anderson-Blake; is		Q. You say that because you signed it?
22	that ri	•	22	A. Uh-hmm.
23		Right.	23	Q. Is that "yes?"
24			24	A. Yes.
25	A.		25	Q. Do you recognize your signature on
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2	it?		2	Q. Why not?
3	A.	Yes.	3	A. Because, again, there's things I
4	Q.	Do you recall signing this letter?	4	would just sign if they put it in front of me.
5	Α.	I don't recall.	5	Q. It says here under your name
6	Q.	Well, it's right in that time	6	there's a signature which you've identified as
7	Q. period	that we've been discussing?	7	there's a signature which you've identified as yours. It says your name and underneath it
7 8	Q. period A.	that we've been discussing? Yes.	7 8	there's a signature which you've identified as yours. It says your name and underneath it says "assistant project manager;" do you see
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Page 82 Page 83 Bellando Bellando 1 1 2 2 No. A. I don't know his position. Α. 3 3 Q. Do you recognize the company there 0. Did you have a telephone 4 under his name, J&J Insurance Company of 4 conversation with Mr. Ransom? 5 5 Hogansburg, New York? Not that I'm aware of. 6 6 A. Right. I don't know it. O. So reading this letter doesn't 7 Q. You say here in the letter, there's 7 refresh your recollection that you spoke to a 8 8 Mr. Ransom about increasing insurance a re line and it appears to be an insurance 9 policy; do you see that? 9 coverage? 10 10 A. Yes. A. Not at all. 11 O. Not at all, no recollection of that 11 Q. Then you write "Dear Mr. Ransom, as a followup to our telephone conversation, 12 whatsoever? 12 please accept this correspondence as 13 13 A. No. 14 authorization for you to increase the limits 14 Q. Are you testifying that that on the above referenced policy as follows: 15 conversation did not take place or you don't 15 1. Increase limits of insurance to 16 16 recall? 17 \$16,500,000. 17 A. I'm testifying I don't recall. 2. Increase the deductible to Q. It could have taken place, you just 18 18 19 \$5,000. 19 don't recall? 20 20 Yes, I don't recall. In the event you have any questions Α. 21 O. Would that be something that you or comments, please give me a call. 21 Sincerely. Richard Bellando." 22 22 would be doing in February of 1999, calling an 23 insurance agency to increase the policy 23 Mr. Bellando, do you recall a 24 conversation with Mr. Ransom that you were 24 limits? 25 following up on? 25 A. If it was something I was given. I Page 85 Page 84 Bellando 1 1 Bellando 2 don't remember. 2 Q. Okay, thank you. 3 3 Q. Was there a company called Q. Now, what were you doing, President R.C. Saint Regis Management Company 4 Mr. Bellando, in May of 2000, which is a year located One Old Country Road, suite 420 in 5 5 and a month roughly after the casino opened? February of 1999? 6 6 A. After the casino --7 A. I wasn't aware of it. 7 O. Say 13 months after the casino 8 Q. Now, it says here "in the event you 8 opened, what were you doing for work? 9 have any questions or comments, please give me 9 A. I was doing the sales for the 10 a call." 10 weddings at Oheka Castle. Do you recall Mr. Ransom calling 11 11 Q. So you were back functioning you with any questions or comments following 12 fulltime as banquet manager? 12 13 this letter? 13 A. Sales manager. 14 14 A. No. O. Sales manager. 15 15 Q. By the way, looking down at the I'm sorry going over your career in bottom of the letter it's got what I believe 16 such detail. 16 to be your initials, R.B. with a slash and 17 17 You had different duties. You said then the letters "EMO;" do you see that? 18 18 in '98 you were the banquet manager. You did 19 A. Yes. 19 that for roughly a year, year and a half and 20 20 Q. Who is EMO, if you know? then you helped out with the casino. 21 A. I believe it's an Elise Olson. 21 We're talking a year after the 22 O. Who is she? 22 casino opened did you have a new position at 23 A. Secretary. 23 that point? O. Secretary for whom? 24 24 A. Sales manager. 25 A. Mr. Melius. 25 Sales manager, I don't know if we

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2	talked about that. If we did, I apologize.	2	doesn't remember.
3	That was a position you held after	3	MR. SEFF: I understand.
4	being banquet manager?	4	Everything is as you sit here
5	A. After the casino opened, I went	5	today.
6	into the sales end.	6	MS. GASTWIRTH: Okay.
7	Q. Oh, okay. Hold on just a second.	7	MR. SEFF: Let's back up for a
8	You did testify right at the	8	second.
9	beginning of the deposition you were the sales	9	Q. You attended the grand opening; is
10	manager.	10	that right?
11	So in May of 2000, you were back as	11	A. Correct.
12	being sales manager?	12	Q. Which I'll tell you is April 11,
13	A. Correct.	13	1999.
14	Q. In May of 2000, did you have	14	Did you do anything in connection
15	anything at all still to do with the casino	15	with the casino project after the grand
16	which had been open for 13 months at that	16	opening, if you remember?
17	point?	17	A. I don't. I'm trying to remember.
18	A. I don't remember if I did anything	18	Q. Did you visit the casino again
19	else on it. I mean, I could have if they	19	after the grand opening?
20	asked me to do something.	20	A. I think I did. I think I was up
21	Q. You don't remember doing anything?	21	there one other time after it opened.
22	A. No.	22	Q. Was that for business or pleasure?
23	MS. GASTWIRTH: As you sit here	23	A. More for pleasure.
24	today.	24	Q. Do you remember when that was?
25	That's what he's testifying, he	25	A. No.
23	That's what he's testifying, he	23	71. 110.
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4	Exhibit 58?	4	of New York signed all AIA applications and
5	A. Yes.	5	
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6	Q. Do you recognize the letter?	6	certificate)."
7	A. I don't recognize it, but I know I	7	The enclosure is not attached to
8	signed it.	8	this exhibit.
9	Q. You recognize your signature on the	9	Do you recall what the enclosure
10	letter?	10	was?
11	A Yes.	11	A. No.
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14	2000?	14	Q. Now, this letter is on the
15	A. I don't recall it, but that's my	15	letterhead of Archon Design Limited.
16	signature.	16	Do you see that in the upper
17	Q. Now, this appears to be a letter	17	lefthand corner?
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21	It's not addressed to a particular individual.	21	Limited and, in fact, you didn't even know
22	Do you recall mailing or faxing	22	what type of company it was.
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2	worked for Anderson-Blake.	2	you're not 100 percent sure, don't guess.
3	Does Mr. Diller currently work in	3	Tell him you don't know.
4	your office?	4	MR. SEFF: Mr. Bellando has already
5	A. Yes.	5	testified in this litigation between the
6	Q. At One Old Country Road or 135 West	6	Tribe and President, he talked about who
7	Gate?	7	he thought he worked for.
8	A. 135.	8	Q. Anything else that you understand,
9	Q. For which company does he currently	9	Mr. Bellando, about the relationship, if any,
10	work, if you know?	10	between Archon and Anderson-Blake?
11	A. I believe Archon.	11	A. No.
12	Q. Back in 1999 when he was the	12	Q. Is Anderson-Blake a going concern
13	architect on the project up at Akwesasne, do	13	today?
14	you know who he worked for then?	14	MS. GASTWIRTH: Objection.
15	A. I assumed Anderson-Blake.	15	Asked and answered and it's a legal
16	MS. GASTWIRTH: I don't want you to	16	conclusion.
17	speculate.	17	Q. You can answer.
18	If you don't know, say you don't	18	A. I said no.
19 20	know.	19	Q. You don't think it's a going
21	MR. SEFF: I just asked him what	20 21	concern today? A. No.
22	his understanding was at that time.  MS. GASTWIRTH: Understanding is	22	Q. Why is that?
23	not good enough for me.	23	A. I don't think Anderson-Blake
24	Don't speculate. I'm going to	24	exists.
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Page 102 Page 103 Bellando 1 Bellando 1 his daughter. We got divorced in I think '91, 2 She was Bill Thornton's personal 2 A. but we all stayed close and pretty friendly. 3 3 secretary. He's like a father to me Gary. 4 Q. Now, do you remember that the 5 5 Q. Does he rely on you to do things actual construction of the casino actually 6 began much earlier than January 1998; were you 6 in various of his companies? 7 7 aware of that? A. Yes. 8 8 A. I remember talking with Mr. Melius Q. Is it fair to say you're probably 9 9 one of the closest people that he relies on to and there was a deal and I remember, ves. that run various of his companies? 10 10 he was moving forward. A. I think I'm the closest. 11 Q. Now, although you're close with 11 Mr. Melius and worked in various of his 12 O. Now, we talked about 12 13 13 companies, do you have direct knowledge of the Anderson-Blake. 14 Who was the heart or the core of 14 payrolls of each of these companies? 15 15 Anderson-Blake? A. No. 16 O. So, for example, would you be able 16 Who are the people as far as the 17 casino project was concerned? 17 to sit here with any certainty saying that A. You mean who was the main --18 Roger Diller worked for Anderson-Blake or he 18 worked for Archon? 19 Q. Who were the day-to-day people in 19 20 20 that office that ran that project? Would you have any certainty about A. Well, it was Mr. Melius, William 21 21 that? A. No. 22 Thornton. In the beginning we had Warren 22 Schiffman until Mr. Diller came on, after 23 Or who they were paid by? 23 Ο. No, I don't even know where I'm 24 Mr. Schiffman left. We had some secretaries. 24 25 O. Who was Joan Lazarro? 25 paid from half the time. Page 105 Page 104 1 1 Bellando Bellando 2 MS. GASTWIRTH: That's all I have. 2 A. I believe there was some office 3 3 buildings that they were renovating at the MR. SEFF: Just give me a moment. 4 4 time too, but I don't remember the whole Just a couple of questions 5 5 following up on Ms. Gastwirth's project or where it was. Q. When you say "at the time," do you 6 6 questions. 7 BY MR. SEFF: 7 mean at the time of the IRS? 8 8 A. After the IRS we went -- they went Q. Mr. Bellando, you testified about 9 9 an IRS building that was constructed by to another project. 10 Anderson-Blake. 10 Q. When you say "they," who are you referring to? That's correct 11 11 Α 12 Q. Where is that located? 12 Mr. Thornton. A. 13 It's in Garden City. 13 This other project renovation, did Q. Do you know the street address? you have anything to do with it? 14 14 A. No, the other one I didn't. 15 I don't remember it. 15 Do you remember the year or years 16 Q. You testified that Mr. Melius was 16 Q. 17 that it was built? 17 your father-in-law and you became family in 18 A. I'm guessing late eighties. 18 '88. 19 Did you have anything to do with 19 I gather that was several years it? 20 20 after you threw him off the property? 21 A. I was there, same thing, to finish 21 Correct. Α. 22 up with Mr. Thornton. 22 Even though you threw him off the 23 Q. Any projects between the IRS 23 property, he still let you marry his daughter? building and the casino that you can recall 24 24 A. Right. that Anderson-Blake worked on? 25 Q. I'm just joking.

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2	Now, Ms. Gastwirth asked you, I	2	Q. My first question to you is do you
3	believe, if you helped out in running the	3	recall when that pre '98 construction took
4	the word she used "various" of his companies.	4	place?
5	Which of his companies do you help	5	A. No.
6	out in running?	6	Q. Whenever it was, did you have
7	A. I guess whatever company it is. I	7	anything to do with it?
8	mean, to me it's all one.	8	A. No.
9	Q. You testified that you recall that	9 10	MR. SEFF: I don't have any other
10 11	the casino construction commenced prior to 1998. You weren't sure of the years, I guess,	11	questions.  MS. GASTWIRTH: Then that's it.
12	but whatever years it was, did you have	12	We're done.
13	anything to do with it?	13	(Time noted: 12:10 p.m.)
14	A. The casino?	14	(Time noted: 12.10 p.m.)
15	Q. The construction contract that we	15	
16	looked at, which is Exhibit 56, is dated	16	RICHARD BELLANDO
17	January 1998.	17	RICH IND BLEEF INDO
18	Ms. Gastwirth asked you if you	18	Subscribed and sworn to before me
19	recall that some construction had commenced on		this day of , .
20	that casino project prior to '98.	20	
21	Do you recall that question?	21	
22	A. Yes.	22	NOTARY PUBLIC
23	Q. I think you said you did recall	23	
24	that?	24	
25	A. Right.	25	
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2		2	CERTIFICATE
3		3	STATE OF NEW YORK )
4		4 5	) ss.: COUNTY OF NASSAU )
5 6		6	COUNTY OF NASSAU
7		7	I, DONNA PALMIERI, a Notary Public
8		8	within and for the State of New York, do
9		9	hereby certify:
10		10	That RICHARD BELLANDO, the witness
11		11	whose deposition is hereinbefore set forth,
12		12	was duly sworn by me and that such deposition
13		13	is a true record of the testimony given by
14		14	such witness.
15		15	I further certify that I am not
16		16	related to any of the parties to this action
17			1 11 1 ' 1,1 , 7 '
		17	by blood or marriage; and that I am in no way
18		18	interested in the outcome of this matter.
19		18 19	interested in the outcome of this matter. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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19 20 21 22		18 19 20 21 22	interested in the outcome of this matter. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto

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